REMINISTIFF CONFERENCE

Vaterday's Session Devoted to the Election of Officers.

(By Telegraph.)

BALTIMORE, May 20.—Today was a day of elections in the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church South. The conference continued balloting for its connectional officers and utilized the time between the teller's announcements in considering routine business. Rev. H. M. Dubose, of Jackson, Miss., was elected general secretary of the Epworth League and seditor of the Epworth League Era. It took four ballots to elect.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Taggert, of Nashville was re-elected book director and editor of the Epworth League Era. It took four ballots to elect.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Taggert, of Nashville was re-elected book director and editor of the Methodist Review, by a vote of 13 out of 27. Rev. Dr. James Atkins, of Nashville, Tenn., was re-elected editor of Sunday school publications by a vote of 250 out of 260 out of 27. Rev. Dr. James Atkins of Nashville, Tenn., was re-elected editor of Sunday school publications by a vote of 250 out of 260 out of 27. Rev. Dr. James Atkins, J. F. Swindle, J. D. Branch, J. R. McLean Elected today as follows: President E. W. Cole; vice-president, R. N. Sledd; J. O. Branch, J. R. McLean Board of missions of the church was elected today as follows: President E. W. Cole; vice-president, R. N. Sledd; J. O. Branch, J. R. McLean F. Swindle, J. D. Hamilton, J. D. Scott, J. A. Anderson, T. D. Fite, E. R. Hoss, T. P. Wesley, C. W. Carter, R. K. Brown, C. G. Andrews, J. S. Hutchinson, W. B. Palmer, W. F. Glenn, H. H. Babcock, W. R. Richardson, G. A. Landers, J. A. Lanar, H. H. Walker, C. A. Fulwood, S. G. Preston.

Commissioners were appointed to the cumenical council, to meet in London in 1900, as follows: Bishops Chandler and Galloway; Revs. W. S. Wisner, W. H. Tambull, J. S. Atkins and J. W. Lee and R. W. Peatress. This commission will consult with a similar commission on the part of the Methodist Episcopal church in this city tomorrow.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY. Interesting Statistics as to Last Year'

Work.

(By Telegraph)

NEW ORLEANS, May 20,—The Presbyterian Assembly met again today, the retiring moderator, Dr. Gotchius, and the incoming moderator, Dr. Gotchius, and the incoming moderator, Dr. Green, presiding in turn.

All standing committees were announced. Secretary J. Jl. Craig's report on home missions showed a total amount received during the year of \$52,253 and a balance on hand of \$22,000. Dr. Chester read the report of the committee on foreign missions. Therefore the present of the pear were 1446,00; the disbursements were 146,811 and the foreign mission closed the year out of debt and with small, balance on hand. Nine new missionaries were sent out during the year. An oversent out during the year. An oversent

of collegiate and 17 academy in collegiate and 17 academy fee night session was devoted to the men's Beshel and work among the

WINONA ASSEMBLY.

WINONA LAKE, IND., May 20 WINONA LAKE, IND., May 20.—The Presbyterian general assembly had its first surprise today. It had been supposed that the report of the committee on relations of synods and the home board in prosecution of home mission would occasion a contest, but they did not. Dr. Withrow, chairman of the committee to devise a harmonious plan of co-operation, carried his report through without material opposition, and without conflict. The board was not to be abolished, Dr. Withrow said, notwithstanding reports to the contrary.

ineous business. James A of Indiana, was named as vice

Resolutions were adopted declaring the Sabbath to be of perpetual obliga-tion by law of God, and recommending that the Omaha exposition be closed on

Sunday.

The evening session was devoted to popular meetings in the interest of the board of publication and Subbath school work.

The nineteenth annual meeting of romen's board of home missions was eld today. COMMODORE SCHLEY'S SON.

Lieutenant Thomas E. Schley, says the Mobile Register, has arrived from New Orleans and will appear before the Examining Board for promotion. He is a son of Commodore W. S. Schley. Lieutenant Schley is a native of Maryland and is an affable young gentleman. He is a graduate of the Infantry and Cavairy School, and consequently will not be examined as to his mental qualifications for promotion Infantry and Cavalry School, and con-sequently will not be examined as to his mental qualifications for promotion in the army. In speaking of how he-came to enlist in the army, while his father is in the navy. Lieutenam Schley said that he preferred the navy and wished to enlist, but his father ob-lected, as he wished his son to study law. This plan did not correspond with the inclination of young Schley and he joined the army, which he pre-fers to anything, with the exception of the navy.

"CAN'T HIT A THING."

Incident Which marked the Departure of Schley's Squadron. of Schley's Squadron.

According to the Baltimore Sun, Mrs.

Alexander B. Bates, whose husband is chief engineer of the battleship Texas, tells this story about her son, a little red haired chap of six summers: Mrs.

Bates had been staying at Old Point Comfort, and Chief Engineer Bates had arranged for his wife and child to go aboard at the last moment before leaving. Notice of the departure was to be given by the signal of a gun, which all ashore awaited expectantly. Suddenly the report came and found Mrs. Bates and Jack unprepared. All was hurry and bustle at the Hotel Chamberlin, for only a half hour was given to visitors to say good bye.

only a nan nout to say good bye.

Mrs. Bates, with the hurry and rush necessary, soon prepared herself. Then she saw that Jack was half dressed. "Oh, pray, Jack do hurry, or we may never see your father again." Jack (whose education had been de-rived partly from some little darkey children and who had the Manila fight in mind) replied with a long drawn out draw!

"Don't worry, mamma, the Spaniards can't hit a d-d thing."

ALONG THE WATER FRONT

OF INTEREST GATHEBEI ABOUT THE PIERS.

ntrances and Clearances at the Cu House. List of Vessels Now in Part. Other Marine Items. Weather Fore ast

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Forecas
for Saturday, for Virginia—Partiy
cloudy weather, probably thunder
storms; southerly winds.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Steamship Mercedes (Br.)

FOURTH IN THE LIST.

In spite of the belligerent international conditions of March and April, the record of the exports of breadstuffs from Southern ports for the ten months anded April 30, compared with the figures for the same period of last year, shows that they are not deteriorating. Comparison of the values of exports at four leading Northern ones for the ten months demonstrates that as follows:

Increase in Goln

NOTE KING BURNED.

(By Telegraph.)

NORFOLK, VA., May 20.—The bargetoin R. King, Captain J. T. Wharten oading lumber at Burton's Point for New York, caught fire early this morang and burned to the water's edge. The King was owned by Hudson & Bro., of Norfolk and Baitimore. Loss in barge, \$20,000; no insurance; carge, \$50,000; fully insured.

THE BLOCKADE OF ST. TROPEZ

(Le Figure.)

vacht, feeling that it was being watched in Mediterranean waters, put back and returned to St. Raphaei. Then, profitling by the night, it went to the port of St. Tropez, waere it is block aded after a fashion."

Transformation Made in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes. (Philadelphia Record.) The time necessary for the conver-ion of a forest tree, or a part of i don of a forest tree, or a part of it, into a printed paper in a recent test made in Germany was two hours and twenty-five minutes. In this time the trunks of newly felled trees were cut into small pieces by a circular saw; the hark was then removed by machinery, the pieces split by machinery, etc., undl the wood was ready for the papermaking machine. The proper chemicals were then introduced in the mass and the paper machine began to one. ands were their introduced in the mass ind the paper machine began to ope-cate. Before two hours had clapsed in perfect sheet of paper had been pro-fuced, which was taken to a printing office within easy reach and printed, the whole process having consumed but two hours and twenty-five min-ntes.

Spain's report of "one mule killed at Matanzas" has excited the hitarity of European nowspapers. They all agree in their respective languages that it was a grave violation on the part of the United States of the rights of neu-trals.

Paley's "Evidence of Christianity" remains a requirement for the bachelor's degree at Cambridge University, England. By a recent vote the university congregation refused to do away with it, or to substitute any other book for Paley.

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Letter of the large and tail formily of sons, whose collective measurements was 66 feet. He had six doughters also."

RHIEF ITEMS

Ir. C. E. Doyle, general superinten-it of the Chesapeake & Ohio rail-d, and Hon. Henry T. Wickham eral solicitor for the company, were the city yesterday.

WARRLY REVIEW OF TRADE. Nation Maying Along Steadily in It

J. T. Bartlett left yesterday ing for Caraden C. H., N. C., to d a week there with the parents, e funeral of Peter Williams (col., who died in Washington on Wed-ay, took place yesterday afternoon the First Baptist church, Rev. H. Dixon conducting the service, Lighton News—Mrs. Fannia Corp.

19. Dixon conducting the service, adunton News:—Mrs. Fannle Comp. Warriner, the attractive and acquilaked wife of Dr. Warriner, of port News, and daughter of W. B. (p) ton. of Harrisonburg, stopped r in Staunton yesterday with her tod. Miss Donaghe Yost, on her way at Harrisonburg, where she has near the conduction of the control of the conduction of t

regarded the 5-year-old son of orge Shepherd, of East End, tempting to climb over an iron exterday afternoon he lost his of fell, sustaining a gash near c. Dr. W. J. Knight rendered exacty medical attention.

the necessary medical attention.

Messrs. J. E. Williams and Z. T.
omes, who accompanied the remains

I the late assistant postmaster, H.
V. Barnes to Chester, Pa., arrived here
esterday. Mr. Williams represented
towport News Lodge, No. 315, B. P. O.
Bloc, and Mr. Jones the local order of
the Junior Order of American Mechanis. Mr. J. W. Davis, who represented
the Massaic fraternity, stopped in Phildelphia on the return home. He is
xpected today.

costs, soft Brown, trespass, dismissed, ha Donnell, riding bleycle on side-t, fined \$5.00 and costs, H. Hopkins, selling on Sunday, inued until Tuesday.

necessful week's engagement at the crobeny of Muses:
"Those who attended the performance of the Lees at the Academy of Musics of night enjoyed an evening of rare-missioner. The program embraced any and varied experiments in hypotism, a large majority of which were accessful to a high degree.
"Prof. Lee has secured a large number of excedient subjects that yield earlily to his influence, and are made a accomptish many very laughable statism are placed in many very compal stinations, which are so cleverly vected that they leave little room for outstand that they leave little room for outstand that they are really agiven as the fact that they are really agiven as the fact that they are really agiven as the presence of the Lees Guring the vects, and it is reported that several four most prominent citizens have seen convinced of the genulin-ness of he art through personal experience at heir own homes."

vest Immigrant Rates Tha Have Ever Prevailed.

1,200 miles, which is a reduction of 26 per cent, from the previous emigrant him-delass fare; for 2,000 miles the fare is \$2,10, and for 4,000 miles \$3,50. The percentage of reduction from previous rates grows greater with the distances and for 4,000 miles is 50 per cent. As yet, however, there is probably no 4,000 mile journey possible. There is also a reduction on emigrants freights, but these are not so considerable, and they see strictly in proportion to distance. these are not so considerable, and they are strictly in proportion to distance, mounting to 25 cents per 100 pounds for 1.200 mikes, 41.2-3 cents for 2.000 miles and 83.1-2 cents for 4.000 miles. As a Russian pensant has difficulty in occumulating a few dollars, the removing a family and the necessary goods and stock to begin farming in a new ountry would be beyond the means of the most of them at anything like orthany rates; and if they can be induced to emigrate by the new fares, it is very likely wise to make them; for it is solely from this class that Siberia can be peopled and developed.

BIG CONTRACT QUICKLY FILLED. 0 000 Cases of Meat Loaded and Ship-ped in a Few Hours.

poel in a Few Hours.

A remarkagle commercial transaction took place in Chicago recently. At 5 yelock on Friday afternoon the Hammond Packing Company received a telegraphic inquiry from Washington asking how soon they could supply 10, 400 cases of canned meats to the United States government. They replied that the goods were on hand, and could be shipped as soon as the cars could be switched into their yard. An order for the meat was immediately returned, and within ten minutes freight engines were pushing the cars into place. Long before midnight the meat was on its way to New York, requiring forty cars for its transportation, divided into two trains.

Nation Moving Along Steadily in Its Industries. (By Telegroph.)

NEW YORK, May 29.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade will say tomorrow.

'Growing accustomed to war possibilities, which are mostly far from probabilities of evil, and finding the nation moving along steadily in its industries, people are grasping the idea that it is throwing away some months of active and profitable life to wait until the war clouds have passed. Western prosperity has so greatly overbalanced timidity of eastern capital that actual business done increases; railroad earnings promise better for May than a month ago for April, and payments through clearing houses for the week in May show a gain of 36 per cent. over last year and 7.5 per cent. over last year and 3.6, and compared with 1892 there was a decrease of 7.2 per cent.

week in May show a gain of 36 per cent, over last year and 7.5 per cent, over last year and 7.5 per cent, over lasty, while a month ago the increase over last year was 33.6, and compared with 1892 there was a decrease of 7.2 per cent. Several large contracts kept back for some weeks because of hostilities have been placed, and instead of works closing or reducing force, returns show the starting of some works long idle and increase of force and hours at others.

"Government work occupies many establishments, but it counts for fittle compared with other demands." The key of the situation is the prosperity of the west, which unprecedented marketing of breadstuffs has caused, with the prospect of good, crops to come. These prospects, and actual receipts of wheat amounting to 3,576,716 bushels for the week, against 2,433,163 last year, with advances also in other grain and cattle, have produced a demand for rails, cars, car materials, fencing, agricultural implements, boots and shoes, and all textife goods which had not been anticipated from castern indications. Exports other than wheat do not diminish, but in three weeks from Atlantic ports, exports, flour included, have been 7,355,566 bushels, against 4,758,742 last year. The price of May wheat fell 41-2 cents on Saturday, rose 7 cents Tuesday and closed 51-2 cents higher for the week. "In iron, notwithstanding the greatest output ever known, the demand has caused some advances in Bessenter pig, with only a slight decline in the price of grey forge at Pittsburg, but tull quotations are obtained at Chicago and Philadelphia.

"The textile works are doing rather better, even the cotton mills."

goods are better, with a stronger tone in the market generally, although some mills of importance have stopped, as their orders for the season have run out. While sales of wool are small, 6,333,900 pounds for the three weeks past, against 27,963,700 last year, the manufacturers have ample straighthough some are foliged by government order, to seek in the market prades of wool.

CHARLOTTE BICYCLE RACES.

(By Telegraph.)
CHARLOTTE. N. C., May 20.—Result of bicycle races:
First race, mile, novice.—Won by Meacham. Time, 2:42.
One-third mile, open.—Fred Schade, Washington, won; Pittman, Washington, second; Butts, Charlotte, third. Time, 411-5 seconds.
One mile, Southern champlonship.—Schade won; Pittman, second; Laws, third. Time, 2:10.

COST OF TARGET PRACTICE.

A Pretty Penny Spent, but to Good Purpose.
(New York Post.)
The statement is made on authority that the United States has spent more money for target practice in the navy during the last ten years than has any nation in Europe. The result of this practice was seen at Manila, at Matanzae, at Cardenas and at Cabanas. The American warships have surprised the world with the accuracy of their aim. The money has been will ex-

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